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Of twenty-three adults received into membership through confirmation by Saint Paul's Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., the Rev. Norman Rieck, pastor, twelve were former Roman Catholics.

When Mr. Erwin Kilian completed thirty years as head usher at St. Paul's congregation, Austin, Tex., two members of the congregation took note of the occasion by sending him a note of appreciation. A pastor who is competent to judge remarks: "Ushers are born, not made. But it would lift up their arms considerably and make even their ushering better if they got a little thanks for it instead of the usual criticism perhaps for opening the wrong windows at the wrong time."

Our Church's work among the deaf has received favorable comment from the Rev. Utten E. Read, retired Methodist pastor at De Land, Fla. Writes the pastor: "Of all the Protestant Churches the Lutheran Church holds the banner for being the most aggressive denomination for evangelizing the deaf of America, having pastors strategically placed from Boston to Los Angeles, from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D. C., from the capital of the

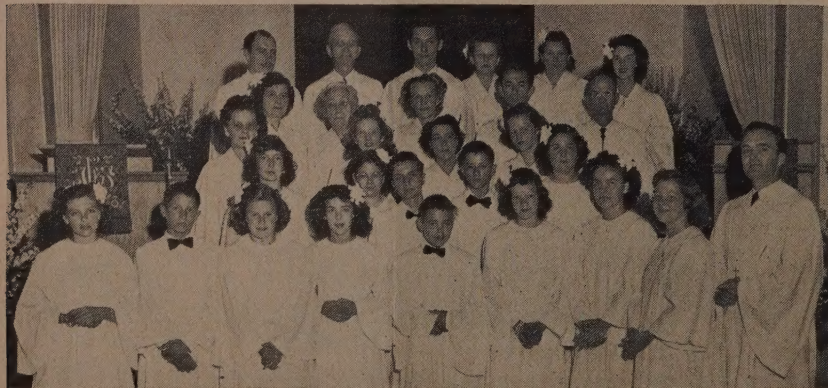
North Star State of Minnesota to the capital of the Lone Star State of Texas." What he likes particularly is the high requirements for our pastors among the deaf, the five-day conference for workers among the deaf, the ability of our missionaries to address with ease a deaf and a hearing congregation at the same time, and, last but not least, that the Lutheran Church does no proselyting.

Christ Lutheran Church, Taylor, Tex., on Sunday, June 20, added a total of thirty-two souls to its membership. Eighteen adults were confirmed and fifteen, ten



Added to Christ Lutheran Congregation, Taylor, Tex.

adults and five children, were baptized, while nine were received by transfer and profession of faith. The congregation is located in the country, but evidently there is much mission material available. In a similar service last October twenty-six people were received into membership.



Confirmed on Pentecost Day at First Lutheran Church, Temple City, Calif.

The group includes thirteen children and fifteen adults. Five of the latter previously had no special church connection, one was a Congregationalist, one a Lutheran, two Methodists, three Roman Catholics, one Dutch Reformed, and two Episcopalians. Two of the adult class had been lifelong Masons and Eastern Stars, but dropped their lodge to join the Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Edwin W. David is pastor of the church

The Rev. Norman H. Kuck, pastor Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Boyne City, Mich., recently found delivered to him a \$5,000 Ercoupe airplane which he had won in a rhyming contest sponsored by the Shotwell Candy Co. declares, however, that he has no inclination of becoming a flying parson and plans to give ten per cent of the proceeds to the work of the Church when he gets the machine.

The Detroit Lutheran High School recently received a gift of \$1,500 from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Detroit. The unsolicited check was accompanied by a letter stating: "Enclosed you will find our benevolence check in the amount of \$1,500 which was voted for the support of the Detroit Lutheran High School at last monthly meeting of our session. We trust that it may be used to good advantage in carrying on your work and to the glory of our Lord."

EUROPEAN RELIEF

There is a continued need of food packages and of clothing in Central Europe, especially due to the presence of millions of refugees from the East. Any and all kinds of clothing are welcome, but it must not be worn out or soiled. Send trousers, especially and working clothes. Use mothballs to reduce percentage of loss. There is a small amount of pilfering, but not enough to affect the total picture and not more in the Russian Zone than elsewhere. Ship through reliable agencies or directly to people whom you know.

Theodore Graebner

Stuttgart, Germany
July 19, 1948

Three Cleveland, Ohio, congregations, Trinity, St. Luke's, and Christ, have met their Christian day schools and will future operate them as a unit under control of a joint board. The upper grades will meet at St. Luke's School, the four lower at Christ. There will be a kindergarten. The total enrollment next fall will be in the neighborhood of 350 pupils. Each congregation will furnish two men for the teaching which will be augmented by three teachers, so that there will be one teacher for each grade. Two busses, each capable of carrying fifty pupils, will provide transportation. G. V. S.

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Editorial

Ministers of the New Testament"

Next Sunday, the Twelfth after Trinity, begins a new which extends to the Festival of St. Michael's and angels. The lessons were very likely chosen in reference to St. Laurentius' Day, August 10. This man was a regular deacon and preacher in Rome, an "able minister of the New Testament" (Epistle). Now, preaching is one of the important parts of the New Testament ministry. It cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The Gospel for the Day the deaf man, brought to Jesus, his ears opened by the Lord's power and comes to faith. It brings forth the fruits of praise and thanksgiving. He also becomes a "minister of the New Testament." In our service, as a fruit of our faith, comes under the New Testament ministry. The Epistle shows that this is not our own. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." The Epistle stresses this: "Of whose only gift it cometh that faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service." The Introit rightly turns our eyes to God, from whom we have our help. He must give us the strength and the ability to serve Him, to withstand the assaults of the enemies of our soul, and to remain faithful to the end, that we may not fail to attain the heavenly promises."

Make haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, Lord. Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my hurt. Let them be turned backward and put into confusion: that say, We will hurt him.

W. G. P.

Per of Satiety

Especially those who from their youth know the Gospel are in danger of becoming satiated and surfeited with this precious gift. They are in danger of losing that deep apprehension of God's priceless gift of the Word of Reconciliation. Recall that the Israelites at first were very thankful for the manna which fell from heaven in the wilderness, but it was not long before they became tired of this food and said: "Our soul loatheth this light bread," Num. 21:5. The Galatians received the Gospel which Paul preached to them with sincere gratitude. They were so thankful for bringing them this message that they were ready to give him their most precious possessions, Gal. 4:15. But soon did they weary of the gracious Word of God! Paul rebuked them, saying that they were so soon removed from the truth as to become deceivers, Gal. 1:6.

Paul, also, as he approached the end of his earthly journey, complained that many were tired of hearing the simple Gospel of Christ. They thought that they knew all and despised the wisdom and learning of Christ and Him crucified.

Therefore Luther admonished all so frequently to continue the study of the divine Word, especially the chief parts of it, as they are found in the Catechism. He called attention to himself, a learned doctor and teacher of all Christendom who yet daily studied the first principles of the oracles of God.

All this is important for us and our generation. We should note and take to heart the words: "Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown," Rev. 3:11. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

We Christians have a very precious treasure; instead of gadding about, let us ever become better acquainted with the riches which God has given us in the Bible (Ps. 19:10). S.

The Prayers of Christians

To the Christian prayer the Lord has given great and precious promises. He says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened," Luke 11:9-10. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it," John 14:13-14. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me," Ps. 50:15. These words are familiar to Christians. God's promises are so great and wonderful that perhaps for that reason we at times hesitate to make known our requests to our heavenly Father. Expressed in other words, we lack faith in God's promises. When the disciples marveled at the withering away of the fig tree, Jesus answered: "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them," Mark 11:22-24. Therefore James says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord," James 1:5-7. Is perhaps our trouble at times that we try to figure out how God is going to help us, rather than believe His promise? Of course, it is understood that in matters which do not concern our salvation we ask that God grant our petitions if they be in accordance with His will. "This is the confidence that

we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him," 1 John 5:14-15.

We cannot imagine a Christian who never prays. But do we Christians pray regularly, daily? and what do we pray? Do some perhaps limit their prayer life to the reading of fixed or printed morning and evening prayers? Many such prayers do not take care of special and individual needs. Do parents pray for their children, and children for their parents? church members for their pastor? Do Christians pray for the strengthening of their faith and for the power to resist certain sins to which they may be especially inclined? Do we pray for the welfare of the church at large, for the work of our missionaries, for the turning of many to repentance? Do we pray for the welfare of our country? Do we thank God for the blessings which we daily receive? Let us not forget that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," James 5:16. It must be so, for God has promised it. J. H. C. F.

The Teaching Profession

In September our teachers' colleges will open for another scholastic year. How large will the enrollment of new students be? This is an important question in view of the dearth of teachers for our church schools. Pray God that a goodly number of new students will enter. They could not choose a better profession. True, it is not a very remunerative one; but it pays off in other values that mean much more than coin of the realm.

There are two callings whose symbol is light: the miner with a lamp on his cap, the teacher with a lamp on the table. The miner goes down into the dark bowels of the earth to dig for gold, jewels, coal, and other minerals, which serve mankind in one way or another. The teacher digs into the mind and heart of his pupils to find talents to be developed, understanding to be widened and deepened, ideals to be cultivated, and he tries to train his students to dedicate themselves to lives of useful service to God and man.

Luther once said:

A diligent and pious schoolmaster, who faithfully trains and educates boys, can never be sufficiently recompensed, and no money will pay him as he should be paid, as even the heathen Aristotle says. Yet the calling is shamefully despised among us, as if it were nothing, and still we pretend to be Christians. If I had to resign preaching and my other duties, there is no office I would rather have than that of a schoolteacher. For I know that next to the ministry it is the most useful, greatest, and best; and I am not sure which of the two is to be preferred.

W. G. P.

Your Church at Work

Over in Europe the President of our Synod together with a number of our leading clergy are at work consulting with European Lutherans concerning the future building of the Church of the pure Gospel. God has even now blessed their labors, so that we may look forward to definite unity of many in the truth and the accession of no small number to the forces of the King of Kings.

While that work is proceeding and meeting with exceptional success, our brethren here in the States, in Canada, and in Australia are continuing their efforts to achieve better understanding among all who wish to be loyal servants and teachers of God's Word.

Then there are the thousands of pastors, parochial school teachers, Sunday school teachers, who are faithfully sowing that seed from which grows the harvest of

godly Christian men, women, happy homes, and precious fruit for time and eternity. In our orphan hospitals, schools, high schools, universities, and other institutions men and women are at work in one way or another to bring true and lasting help to people of all ages and stations in life. Our periodicals and books from our presses are spreading life, light, health, happiness, and eternal riches among our people. Did I forget to mention the radio? No doubt the reader has thought of that wonderful agency for carrying joy and courage, truth and power into homes without number. What an arm the Lord is at work, working salvation among mortals; they each and all approach the gateway of eternity!

In addition, millions are doing their bit in praying for these workers and their work.

What a joy to be numbered among those who are privileged to participate in these efforts! Who is not moved to thank God for being one of those who labor in the vineyard of Christ even though he or she be but a humble keeper in the house of the Lord.

Those Who Serve in Quiet

As these lines are being written, a political convention is in session. A lot of oratorical bombast is going on in all corners of the land on the ether waves. There is a question of the necessity of such conventions to select candidates for our highest public offices. As we listen for a while, it occurred to us, however, that as necessary as these meetings may be, they do not reflect the heart and core of America. What makes any nation great and great is the character of the rank and file of its people. So it is also in the Church. Not the great preachers, learned professors, and high dignitaries are the strength of the Church in them. It is in the meekness of the Church who, as St. Paul puts it, walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love. It is these virtues that produce the greatest usefulness, far more than brilliant eloquence, special talents, or illustrious deeds. Dr. Albert Barnes put it like this:

It is the bubbling spring which flows gently, the little stream which glides through the meadow and which runs along the night by the farmhouse, that is useful, rather than the flood or the roaring cataract. Niagara excites our wonder, we stand amazed at the power and greatness of God there, "pours it from the hollow of His hand." But one Niagara is enough for a continent or a world; while that same world has thousands and tens of thousands of silver fountains and flowing rivulets that shall water every farm, and every meadow and every garden, and that shall flow on, every night, with gentle and quiet beauty.

W. G. P.

New Publications

That is the name of one department in our periodical, THE LUTHERAN WITNESS. It is not the least important of its departments for it calls your attention to valuable publications, gives you a résumé of the contents of the new book, pamphlet or tract, and indicates its purpose. The editors and helpers devote much time and thought to this department. By these reviews they render a valuable service to our readers. True, all new publications are not of the value or interest to everyone, but by neglecting to draw attention to the information there offered you may miss the very publication of real value to you or your family. In these reviews you will also find corrected any errors that may be found in such a publication. Together the careful perusal of these reviews will reward the reader.

Return Ye Now, Every Man!"

Isaiah 35:15

By G. E. HAGEMAN, Charlottesville, Va.

Recently a contemporary American pointed out that we in America are passing through a sinister crisis of character. "Symptoms of this may be found," he wrote, "in the absence of great leaders, in the lack of courage on the part of the people at large, and in the more universal corruption of all classes in either coarse or subtle form." He did not attribute this to "the demoralizing effect of both wars and depression times." He had something else in mind. He said: "We like to think of the American as a rugged individual who will meet and conquer every obstacle, try one career after another, rise after every fall. But somehow it seems to have happened to that character in the past few years, and we may well consider some of the reasons for the change." He argued that inventions have strongly influenced our character. Formerly the range of a person's range of purchasable things was limited. This was true of the rich and poor. But with the rise of inventions the things that a person could buy became practically unlimited. And in order to create an ever-expanding market for these many kinds of things, the professional advertiser entered the field and catered to all the emotions to sell these new things. Ambition, vanity, greed, fear, pride, laziness, conceit, comfort, etc., were appealed to before the public. The need for more and more money became increasing because there were more and more things to buy. Everybody was encouraged to get more money at any cost. And when we could not get enough, we piled up credit, made debts, and the installment plan, and we lost ourselves in an orgy of spending to gratify our creature wants.

Another effect of this flood of inventions was that it gradually sapped our spiritual vitality, destroyed our power, and made life soft. We were in an illusive push-the-button life. Formerly we had to chop wood, dig coal, sift ashes, get out of bed in the cold morning to attend to the furnace. "Now it is much pleasanter to lie in bed while the thermostat keeps the room at a comfortable temperature than to stoke the furnace on a winter day." Formerly we had to take care of the horse, feed him, clean the harness, put him into harness every time we wanted to go anywhere. Now we step into an automobile, push a button to start the thing, and off we go.

Occasionally we have to stop for oil and gasoline, but outside of that we know little about the contraption we drive. We let others take care of the mechanical parts. Everything was made ready for us. All one needed to do was to push a button, and the thing would be done. We were being made soft. It was not necessary for us to exert ourselves, at least not to any great extent.

Then some years ago the great house of cards that Jack had built so feverishly unceremoniously and most disconcertingly collapsed over his head. Money began to vanish. Unemployment mounted. Debts were piled high as a mountain, and there was no steam shovel big enough to remove them. Bread lines appeared again. At first they were news, then they began to dog us like a specter. Those who are old enough still remember the daily suicides, the doubt and fear which threatened to overwhelm us. In the melee thousands went down to defeat and despair and were swallowed up in a tidal wave of self-destruction. True, those times have passed, but many fear that they may return.

In order to forestall disaster, this spokesman declared: "One thing is certain: If there is to be a regeneration of the national character of America, it can come about only by the regeneration of each of us as individuals. It is not a matter of committees and machinery and organization. It can come only from some subtle change in the heart of the individual American man and woman, a change which one cannot predict, but of which one need not despair."

"To live nobly and well." "Some subtle change in the heart." These expressions make one think. Shall we look at this matter from the Christian standpoint? What has been said above about character in general, may not this be applied to our spiritual life as Christians? What about our Christian character? All that has been said about the effect of inventions on our mode of living, the impact of this materialization on character, has also had its effect upon our character as Christians. Our fathers showed a rugged, robust, vigorous, healthy spiritual faith which had an unbounded trust in the power of God and His Word. They hurdled obstacles, they solved seemingly impossible situations, they faced

opposition with dauntless faith in the power and mercy of God. They bore the conviction that for them fought the Valiant One. That was their comfort in trial; that was their strength in doing. Have we that kind of rugged, firm Christian faith today? Or have we become enfeebled in our religious life? Do we lack courage? I fear that we must confess that despite the chastening which God has administered, materialism is still gnawing at the vitals of our religious life. It is threatening to undermine our Christian character, to destroy our morale in home and in the Church. There are many who are still persisting in keeping up a bold front. They do not want to admit that anything is wrong. They do not wish to face reality.

But that is all wrong! There must be a return to humility, a return to repentance, a return to simple, plain faith in the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. Have we become so enmeshed in the false ideals of materialism that, instead of being on our knees in prayer, instead of seeking our God, instead of gathering with our fellow Christians to humble ourselves, we are still in these times dreaming only of prosperity, of money to spend on ourselves, to push the button to serve our convenience and comfort? Let us not deceive ourselves. There are nobler ends than money and goods. There are greater needs than prosperity. We Christians have need to be honest with ourselves first of all. We have need to repent of our greed, of our vanity, of our pride, of our selfishness—all the tares and weeds which the devil has sown into our hearts in the past years of an evanescent era of prosperity and boom. There is a standard of living that needs attention above all else, and that is the standard of our spiritual living as Christians. How many have neglected God's Word and God's house, where His honor dwells! How many have neglected prayer! How many closed their ears to the appeals of the Church for the wider spread of the Word of Salvation of immortal souls! How many have permitted the world to invade their life, their thinking! How they have forgotten their Baptismal vow! How they have starved their souls by non-attendance at the Supper of the body and blood of Christ! Oh, what sins, what guilt are thus heaped up at God's feet!

We all have sinned. Let us search our hearts and repent. Like the prodigal, the erring should say: "I will return unto my father's house." Come,

"let us reason together." Do you remember those beautiful words in Isaiah? "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Our heavenly Father, loving, kind, faithful, and long-suffering, has been waiting for His children to come back to Him. Our blessed Savior has been interceding for us at the Throne of Grace. When and if we return to the godly life — the Christian life — measured not

by the standard of the world, but by the Word of God; when and if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit that He may effect that subtle change in the heart — then and then only will flow back into our lives that power of our God which can overcome all obstacles, solve all problems, and make us fit for that noble life and the exercise of that rugged Christian confidence so necessary today in home and in the Church.

Through the Eyes of Paul and Barnabas

By W. C. DICKMEYER

As we walked along the main street of McAllen, in this great fertile valley in the southern tip of Texas, looking forward to the meeting of the Christians comprising the nine congregations in this richly blest valley, we were reminded of Paul and Barnabas, walking along the main street of Antioch two thousand years ago.

We had on this journey — made for the most part in the new Chevrolet which Brother Paul Brandt had put at our disposal — already visited the congregations in and around the cities of Tulsa and Enid in Oklahoma and the cities of Fort Worth, Houston, Giddings, and Austin in Texas. Tonight we were to talk to the congregations in this great valley.

Don Bartels, our friend and host, had spent the day in showing us the glories of this wonderful fruit and vegetable belt and had also taken us across the Rio Grande River to the little town of Reynosa in Mexico. What a paradox! On the north side of this river, in the United States, we see modern civilization, on the south side in Mexico, we see poverty and the most primitive and unsanitary conditions of living. All swarthy Latins. Many of the clerks in the stores do not understand nor speak English, the language of their neighbors across the river.

Neither the government nor the Church has done anything to advance their appreciation of the better things in culture and living.

We talked to all of the above-tioned congregations about the heritage which is ours in the knowledge of our Savior and the enormous blessings that Christian knowledge confers upon us — about the transiently great privilege of living in until now, protected land of war and freedom.

We discussed the fact that throughout history great nations, such as ancient Rome and Greece, rose to prominence and wealth, that they became indifferent to God and to morals, that finally God permitted them to be destroyed.

We witnessed the fact that for the same reason there is today greater danger that our civilization will be destroyed by the tremendous engineering destruction which have been involved in our generation.

We held out the only hope for ourselves and our children, and that is that we all become more ardent in the building of the Kingdom of God on earth.

We discussed the great importance of Christian education, Christian schools, high schools, and a great ancient university at Valparaiso, Indiana.

We called attention to the possibilities of bringing the Gospel of Christ to untold millions by the use of our great and small newspapers, magazines and by means of the radio with acknowledgment to the great work of the Lutheran Hour.

We considered the possibilities



General Pastoral Conference, Jindera, New South Wales, Australia, May 20 to 25

Sixty-five pastors attended the conference, the first for over twenty years. All Districts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia were represented except New Zealand. Drs. Albert Mackenzie and John Darsow each presented a scholarly exegetical paper. Dr. Henry H. Headmaster of Concordia College, Unley, South Australia, in another paper discussed "Prayer Fellowship." The three papers will appear in the *Witness* to facilitate further study by our Australian brethren. On the picture appear sixty-three of the clergy in attendance at the conference. From right in the second row from the front is Dr. Clarence E. Hoopmann, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia, who presented his church body at our Synod's Centennial Convention last year. Seven of the pastors are graduates of our Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and one is a graduate of our Concordia Seminary, Springfield. All the others received their training at Concordia Seminary, Adelaide. Dr. Hoopmann, to whose courtesy the *Witness* owes the picture and the brief report on the conference, adds the interesting note that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia is continuing its discussions with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia with a view to attaining

sign missions and the limited way in which it is being carried forward by Synod.

We resolutely faced the fact that of our work in building the Church impeded and dwarfed by our refusal to share our incomes and our possessions with God. It was generally agreed that the tenth of our income (the tithe) is the least that we should give to God as an evidence of our attitude to Him.

It was heartening indeed to note that many are already tithers, and it is gratifying to have so many tell us henceforth they would be tithers. Our final plea was this: Talk these great and grave matters over with your pastor. He will give you both the light and courage to make your personal life more effective in the building of His kingdom and preserving the peace for and for our children.

Dr. Behnken's Letters

II

Munich, Germany, June 27, 1948

One week has passed since I left New York for Frankfurt. It has been a crowded week. Let me recall some of the events. After arrival on Monday, as I reported in my former letter, Chaplain Heuer and Meyer took me to Frankfurt and to Gross-Ursel, to the latter place to inspect seminary buildings and to meet several of the men. As I recall the terribly crowded conditions at Gross-Oesingen and I think of Ober-Ursel, I thank God that we were able to provide these folks with necessary funds to make these improvements. May they continue, under God's blessings, to serve the purpose of preparing young men for a solid, conservative, confessional Lutheran ministry! I learned that all our other men were able to be present at the formal dedication last day.

On Monday evening, June 21, we had the meeting at the home of Dr. Gerstenberger. He asked about all whom he met in the U.S.A. The final planning of Bad Boll's program, i.e., the technical details of it, were done there.

On Tuesday, June 22, I tried to do some work on my doctrinal addresses. Had my dinner meal with Dr. F. E. Mayer at the Graf Zeppelin Hotel. We discussed some of the matters to be presented in his papers. Later in the afternoon I paid a courtesy call on Bishop Wurm of Wuerttemberg. Naturally he touched on the currency reform and what this means for the work of the Church. In fact, let me say this here that nothing has happened which so deeply shocked the German people as the currency reform. Everybody talks about it. Everybody worries at it.

On Wednesday, June 23, right after the American delegation to Bad Boll had a meeting at the Graf Zeppelin Hotel for a final planning of our program, especially the messages to be delivered.

And now: This is being written six thousand feet in the air, as we ride comfortably to our homes on one of the great eagles of the twentieth century, the modern airliner.

St. Paul, Barnabas, and the other Apostles had poor facilities for travel in their days. Yet, think of the great area they covered from Jerusalem to Rome. They gave their life blood to bring the saving truth to human beings. They founded the Christian Church as we know it today.

God needs the talents and the means of every Christian today to build His kingdom on earth and to save our civilization and the peace of the world.

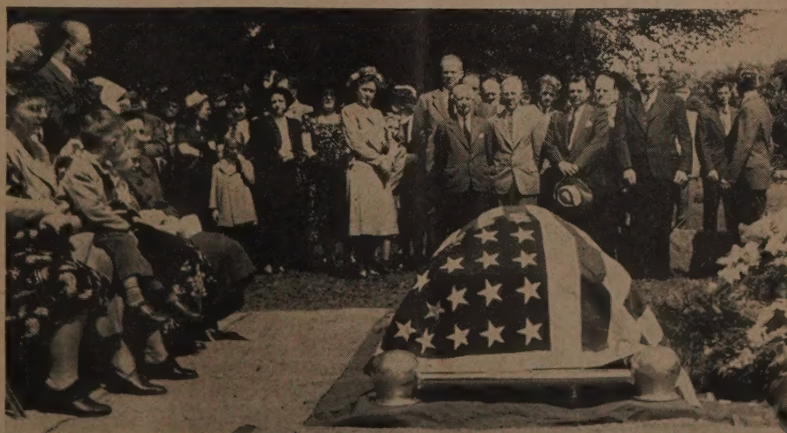
The United States will influence the world. Who will influence the United States? Will Lutheran men and women leave a Christian impact on their neighborhood, community, nation and world? Arise! Go forward!

After we had discussed matters, we all knelt for an earnest, fervent prayer that God might show us grace, govern and direct and bless whatever we might say and do. Then we started out for Bad Boll.

By 4:30 P.M. we arrived at our destination. The trip via Autobahn was very good. We struck some rough road after we left the Autobahn, but all went well. By supper time about 85 men had registered. That was a far greater number than we anticipated. The currency reform had caused such a stir as to cause many to debate a long while whether they should come. The Germans themselves were much surprised. All of us were very thankful. By the time the service began at 8:00 P.M. 94 were present. The number has risen beyond 100 since then.

Bishop Meiser of Munich was among the guests who had arrived.—For the service Professor Baepler played the organ, and I preached. My topic was "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?" The singing resounded wonderfully. The attention was excellent. Our men were kind enough to say afterwards that I had struck the right chord.

Thursday morning, June 24, at 7:45 A.M., I conducted the morning devotions. Again the singing of the men was wonderful. They know the hymns and certainly love to sing. I spoke on Ps. 119:46.—At 8:00 A.M. we have first breakfast, oatmeal or some other cooked cereal.—From 8:30 to 10:15 A.M. the first lectures were held. Professor Baepler showed what effect the Augsburg Confession had upon Lutheranism in America up to 1840. It was well done. Then Dr. F. E. Mayer showed what effect the Confessions had upon the theology especially of our Synod. This was done well. At 10:30 we had second breakfast, black bread, cheese, and cocoa. From 11:00 A.M. until 12:45 P.M. two lectures were delivered, one by Professor Fuerbringer, who showed what effect the Augsburg Confession had upon life in our congregations and upon our American life in general. The other lecture was by Dr. Elert of Erlangen University. He pointed out what effect the Augsburg Confession had upon German church and social life. Both essays were very good. 12:45 to 1:15 we had a recess. At 1:15 P.M. we ate lunch. "Linsensuppe" and a spaghetti dish (well prepared) were the chief parts of the meal. The folks drink no coffee at noon. That is something special later in the afternoon. From 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. the lecturers conducted a so-called "panel discussion." They asked each other questions about their lectures. This was something altogether new to the Germans, and they appreciated it very much.—At 4:30 P.M. was "coffee," which included rolls and honey.—From 5:00 until 6:30 P.M. we had an Open Forum. The preachers present were permitted to ask the essayists questions. It was very interesting to everyone. At about 6:30 P.M.



Burial Service for Chaplain Henry C. Hemmeyer

took place in Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago, Ill., on June 30, the Rev. Bernard Hemmeyer, brother of the deceased, reading the service. Chaplain Hemmeyer died on New Guinea Dec. 9, 1943. His body was the first of our Synod's chaplains who brought the supreme sacrifice overseas to be returned to the United States. Among the mourners present were the widow, Anne C. Hemmeyer, and children, Henry P. and Kathryn. The group at the upper right consists of Chicago clergymen, fellow pastors of the departed.

we adjourned for a 45-minute recess. At 7:15 P. M. we had supper.—At 8:00 P. M. short evening devotions were conducted. At about 8:20 P. M. the first movie was shown, the film produced by our Synod at the time of the Saxon Immigration Centennial. This surely aroused much, very much interest among the German preachers. I had to answer all kinds of questions after the showing.

For Friday, June 25, and Saturday, June 26, we followed the same schedule.

You should see the Germans enjoy the meals. They surely take big "helpings." These poor men are getting more calories than they have gotten for a long while.

Saturday evening, June 26, I drove with Chaplain John Gaertner to Munich. He asked me to preach for him at the regular military service, and I consented. He was so eager to have me preach because it was his turn to have the service broadcast. The service was conducted at 11:00 A. M. in the "Sankt Lukas-Kirche," a large church, which has been repaired wherever it had been damaged. A lady, whose husband is in the army, led the choir. She used to sing under Christiansen in the St. Olaf Choir. She surely had these folks, mostly Germans working for American families, trained well. I preached on "The Magnetic Cross of Christ" (John 12).

After dinner with the Gaertners at the "Haus der Kunst" (we ate there with Chaplain Katt in 1945), we drove out to Dachau and saw the concentration camp, one of the many which the Hitler regime had erected. We saw the barracks where the prisoners were quartered, all behind barbed wire and most carefully guarded. We saw the tree where many were hanged. We saw the gas chambers where thousands were gassed. We saw the tables upon which thousands were whipped and tortured. We saw the hooks upon which human bodies were hung as beeves and hogs are hung in meat packing houses. We saw the ovens and the apparatus used

to cremate the bodies of 238,000 prisoners. We also saw the room where thousands were clubbed to death. Blood spots are still plainly visible on the walls. We saw also the places in which vicious dogs were kept who tore many to pieces. We saw some of the rather crude pots in which ashes were sent to survivors.—I shall never, never forget these things. It is inexplicable, yes, unbelievable, that human beings could have been so bestial in the treatment of their fellow men.—The saddest impression a person carries away is that all this was *planned*. You can see that the place was built just that way and just for that cruel purpose. You can read *design* all over the place.—There is a large sign at one place which reads: *This Must Never Happen Again*.—Chaplain Gaertner states that there must have been about 6,000,000 prisoners put to death in the many concentration camps. It is shocking beyond description. And to think that there were people living within a few miles of the place who state positively that they knew nothing about it. They were told that it was a camp for workers. Of course, these people were forced to work. When they were too weak to do so, they were executed in some manner.—A person cannot help praying that God may graciously avert further horrors like this. May He protect also our country and our people!

After seeing those horrors we went back to the "Haus der Kunst" and saw the exhibition of the Bavarian Collection of Art Paintings, all originals dating back as far as the 11th and 12 centuries. This is the collection of paintings found hidden in salt mines, brought to New York and on exhibit there for a long while. About a month ago the Americans returned them to Germany. Many people pay one mark to see them.

This evening we shall drive back to Bad Boll. Tomorrow we begin with the regular routine again. I have enjoyed my visit with the Gaertners.

offered by the League. The convention resolved to make a special effort to raise five million dollars during the next three years for the Lutheran Hour in order to take advantage of the many opportunities for expanding the broadcasts.

Other reports to the convention included the seminar program and the Valparaiso Scholarship program. A new feature of the convention was a panel discussion on the topic: "A Living Faith for Living Church." Mr. E. W. Schroeter, F. Oscar Feucht, Rev. Herman Mayer, Mr. A. T. Wilson urged the laymen to the Bible to achieve a living faith.

A large neon-lighted League emblem was presented to the convention by South Wisconsin District.

Addresses were delivered to the convention by Rev. M. W. H. Holls, F. Oliver H. Harms, President of the Te District of Synod, Rev. Oscar Feucht, F. Herman Mayer, and Dr. W. A. Ma Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow delivered an address at the convention banquet.

The convention resolved to encourage its members to do active work to support the cause of synodical finances. It resolved to continue its seminar programs and arrange for more professional and businessmen's seminars in Lutheran centers to encourage greater participation of segment of our laity in the work of Church. It was resolved to produce film portraying the history, aims, projects of the League.

Reports on KFUO and on the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau were received and the convention pledged support to these activities. Resolutions encouraging organization of more Bible classes, greater Bible study participation of members, pledging the membership to further the cause of missions in the respective communities of League members to take steps to prepare laymen for missionary activity in this country and abroad to arrange for a closer tie-up of the League with the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, to televise the Lutheran Hour, to devise means of instructing laymen to testify for Christ, to encourage laymen to enter political life, and to actively combat Communism, were adopted.

L. L. L. Meets for Review and Preview

By OSCAR T. DOERR

Urged to "sound out the Word of God like a trumpet," by the opening convention speaker, Rev. M. W. H. Holls, the 31st Annual Convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League considered its progress to date and its program for the coming year in New Orleans, La., on June 25 and 26. The convention was preceded by an all-day meeting of the Board of Governors and the Resolutions Committee. More diligent study of the Bible was emphasized throughout the convention.

More than 435 members and guests registered for the convention, and all parts of the United States and Canada were represented. The convention re-elected Mr. Albert T. Wilson of Detroit as its president and chose the following other officers: vice-president, North, William Birk of Waussau, Wis.; vice-president, South, Paul Brandt, Fort Worth, Tex.; vice-president, East, Arthur Dallmann, Buffalo, N. Y.; vice-president, West, E. W. Martens, Pasadena, Calif.; vice-president, Canada, L. H. Weichel, Elmira, Ont.; secretary, Oscar T. Doerr, Omaha, Nebr.; financial secretary, Al Leimbach, St. Louis,

Mo.; treasurer, Oscar Brauer, St. Louis, Mo.; and members of the Executive Committee: E. C. Jacobs, Cleveland, Ohio; L. C. Heine, Omaha, Nebr.; and F. E. Mehrings, Peoria, Ill.

The convention was told that the League's last movie, "Messenger of Peace," was well received and that a substantial part of the cost had been recovered since the first public showings in October. The convention authorized production of a new moving picture. The League's effort to raise \$500,000 for an administration and classroom building for Valparaiso University is assisted by over 1,000 secretaries, and over \$100,000 has already been contributed. The League membership is now over 50,000. The League includes 1,128 active clubs, organized in 34 districts.

Contributions for the Lutheran Hour during the past season were one and a quarter million dollars. This sum was used to broadcast the Gospel over more than 1,000 stations in the United States, Canada, and 45 foreign countries. Nine languages are used. Over 30,000 have enrolled in a Bible Correspondence Course

New Women Workers for China

The commissioning on June 27 of Miss Norma Irene Lenschow by Secretary O. Schmidt, Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in St. John's Church, Burlington, Ill., the Rev. F. B. Bierwagen, pastor, set the stage for the departure of another large China-bound missionary group.

After two years at State Teachers College, De Kalb, Ill., and two more at Valparaiso, leading to the B. A. degree, Miss Lenschow acquired a nurse's diploma from our Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis and further specialized medical training—along with her prospective fellow passenger Miss Adelheid Mueller, R. N.—the nationally known Frontier School of Nursing, headed by Miss Breckinridge



Miss Norma Irene Lenschow

len, Ky. In between nursing schools Miss Lenschow took a year in our School Missions at Concordia Seminary.

A considerable party is booked to sail a San Francisco on the S.S. *General* on Aug. 28. On the passenger list, des Miss Lenschow and Miss Mueller, be Miss Lorraine Behling (see LUTHERAN WITNESS, June 29, 1948, page 211), Richard Meyer and his wife, Lois, Kuehnert, daughter of Rev. Arthur Kuehnert, long-time chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mr. Li-san, who is completing a prolonged visit in America, including a semester in our School of Missions.

Very gradually we are able to replace war-caused personnel losses in China. The home Church will be happy to do so of such progress.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph C. Egolf also are going for China this summer but by a different route. Rev. Egolf will be active especially in youth work in the Hankow-chang area.

O. H. SCHMIDT

Dr. Studtmann Retires from School Presidency

At the close of the last school year, Henry Studtmann announced his resignation from the presidency of Synod's Concordia.

In 1926, when the Missouri Synod moved Concordia in Austin, Dr. Studtmann was called from a pastorate in Belton, Tex., to serve as the president of the school. Bringing to Concordia the vision, resiliency of mind, and progressive spirit which had characterized pastorates in Beloit, Wis., Jennings and Wiley, La., and Riesel, Tex., as well as term of office as President of the Texas District, Dr. Studtmann, under God, guided the destiny of Concordia during the school's formative years.

His administration witnessed the growth of enrollment from twenty-nine to eighty-six students. During his term of office, Kilian Hall, the Science Building, residences, and the Memorial Physical Education Building were erected. Also during his last year as administrative head of the school he was permitted to announce the receipt of \$75,000 for the erection of the Hirschi Memorial Library. At the 1948 commencement exercises

Rev. Oliver Harms, chairman of the Board of Control and President of the Texas District, conferred on Dr. Studtmann the title of *President Emeritus* and announced that the retired president would continue to serve as a member of faculty.

Austin, Tex.

GEORGE J. BETO

Conference in Bad Boll

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Returning from their 1947 tour of German cities, inaugurated for the purpose of making contacts with European Lutherans, Pres. J. W. Behnken and Dr. Lawrence Meyer, on board the *Mauretania* discussed the possibility of a general conference of German Lutherans under Missouri Synod auspices. The plan was approved by Synod's Emergency Planning Council and took form during consulta-

tions with Dr. Martin Graebner, Bishops Bender and Wurm, Dr. Gerstenmaier of European Relief, Dr. Karl J. Arndt, chief of Religious Affairs of the Military Government, and officials of the Free Churches. During visits of Dr. Gerstenmaier and Dr. Arndt at St. Louis in the spring of 1948 preparations were completed, lecturers secured, topics assigned, and after arrival of the American delegation by ship and plane the meetings were opened June 23 at Bad Boll.

Situated about thirty miles from Stuttgart in the Swabian hills, this is a health resort and is operated by the Moravian Brethren, who have their European headquarters here. The Bad (Bath) is built up around a sulphur spring discovered four hundred years ago, the oldest part of the plant built in 1595. Later kings of Wuerttemberg built some large wings, with rooms sumptuously decorated, much of the fine furniture remaining in use today. It is now filled with patients seeking relief for arthritis and other troubles, with many refugees from Eastern Europe, and convention guests, such as our seminar of June 23 to July 24. The war here seems

three thousand. Some are serving ten and fifteen villages. Others head large institutions of mercy, famous the world over. The bishops of Bavaria and Wuerttemberg paid their respects in the opening days. As for the lecturers, they represented the greatest intellectual force which world Lutheranism has today. These men (writing as of July 13)—Professor Elert of Erlangen, Professor Schlink of Heidelberg, Rector Merz of Neuendettelsau, Professor Thilicke of Tuebingen, Prof. Peter Brunner of Heidelberg, Prof. Ernst Gerstenmaier and Professor Stroh of Friedberg, Professor Krimm of Stuttgart, Pastor Schwinn of Starnberg, Dr. Eugene Gerstenmaier—are not only mental giants and men of profound learning, but leaders of powerful personality and moreover of intense love for the Lutheran Church and of devotion to the task of rebuilding German church life. It is no exaggeration to say that the task of revitalizing the schools and congregations of Lutheran Germany has received no impulse in any way equaling the effort put forth when we invited this group of scholars, pastors, and officials to consult with one another



Bad Boll, Wuerttemberg, Germany, from the Air

very recent when you meet the derelicts of the Russian invasion, among them some thirty children, families once possessed of great wealth and now reduced to poverty. But every village of the neighborhood, yes, all of Western Germany, in addition to its high population rate is host to hundreds of penniless refugees, about fifteen million in all, and hundreds making their way in from beyond the Iron Curtain every night. The resulting conditions cannot distantly be imagined.

Who made up the seminar meeting at Bad Boll? Originally the invitations were extended to some 450 clergymen and theological leaders of Lutheran Germany. The group finally gathered reflected this effort at having all Germany represented, except for one sector—the Russian Zone. (Several hardy souls came also from this area by methods that entailed great risks.) They presented a cross section of a country in which forty million inhabitants acknowledge themselves Lutherans. There were pastors from country, city, and village. Some serve parishes of five thousand, to fifty thousand souls, none fewer than

and to gain encouragement in the greatest crisis that has ever confronted the Lutheran Church. In no more effective manner could our Synod redeem its pledge of a year ago, extending help to the fullest extent of its abilities to Lutherans everywhere for the conservation of their spiritual heritage. Our Free Church brethren participated and expressed their profound satisfaction with the meetings. Visitors were Chaplain E. P. Wuebban (A.L.C.), of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and Rev. S. E. Engstrom (Aug.), and Rev. M. O. Dietrich (U.L.C.), both of the Lutheran World Federation—all very cordial in their expressions of appreciation for the large scale on which the Bad Boll meetings had been planned and the efficiency with which the program was executed.

I will conclude this first portion of my story by quoting words from the address of welcome made by Bishop Meiser of Bavaria. He said: "This is an historical event, significant because the very centers of Lutheran truth are being discussed. Our Church is on the defensive. It is

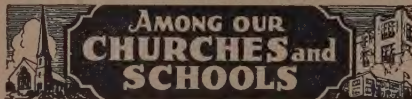
made the scapegoat for all the terrible things that have occurred. Some now desire that we overlook doctrinal differences, but in this there is the danger of decay and loss of confessional identity. There are now signs of recovery from paralysis. Hence the value of these discussions, meeting, as we do, for the truth, for the inspired Scriptures." G.

(To be concluded)

From a European Notebook

Still at Friedberg in Hessen, where Luther spent the night after the Diet of Worms in 1521, now the home of the preacher seminary of the State Church of Hessen. The Missouri Synod restored this seminary to usefulness after it had been gutted by the Nazi government. It is a postgraduate school, with a fine theological library of 25,000 volumes. Its head is Dr. P. Stroh, one of the lecturers at Bad Boll. . . . Mr. John P. Steiner of Stuttgart, authority on Church and State affairs, says the LUTHERAN WITNESS articles on Supreme Court decision were better than those in the *Christian Century*. . . . The American broadcasts offered by the American Forces Network are so rotten that stations in the U.S.A. would kick them off the air. . . . Visiting at Schloss Kronberg, near Bad Nauheim, built by Queen Victoria, who often visited here and had her private bedroom, now occupied by Captain and Mrs. Gottlieb of the U.S.A. There is another room, once reserved for Kaiser Wilhelm II, overlooking a marvelous formal garden. The story of the burglary of the Hessian crown jewels by an American officer was told where X marks the spot. . . . It is still a toss-up between the Koenigsee in Upper Bavaria and Lake Louise in Canada. One of the two must be the most beautiful mountain lake in the world, since there is no third competitor. . . . One hundred displaced persons enter at some point every day in Bavaria for fear of the Russians. . . . One hears some enlightening comment on the breakdown of the Nazi forces in Russia in 1943. Rev. Abel of Oldenburg says that by order of the Party the chaplains were replaced by Fuehrungs-offiziere (NSFO), infiltrating agents without military training, whose business it was to watch company commanders and "educate" the troops. There was also confusion of materials, because the troops were armed with weapons manufactured in half a dozen conquered countries, from which resulted the situation that there were seventeen patterns of electric motors with no interchangeable parts, which sometimes had to be obtained from as far away as Belgium. The Russians had only three types of motors. . . . From a talk by Bishop Meiser from Bavaria: "In some towns there have not been mixed marriages since the time of the Reformation." Remarkable evidence of the strength of Lutheran loyalty. He also referred to the "granite foundation" which our Church has in the Augsburg Confession. . . . At the American station in Muenchen we saw three parcels of clothing sent by the women of St. Paul's, Addison, Ill., and four from St. Paul's, Melrose Park. . . . The secretary of Chaplain Gaertner of Muenchen voiced her delight with the cultural notes of the *Cresset*. . . . Pastor G. Lehr of Toitenwinkel appre-

ciates the string in which his parcel of clothing was wrapped, because out of this string he now can make wicks for the oil lamp, used when there is no current. . . . A reminder to our people is in place—send only good, serviceable shoes and clothing; Europe is full of the worn-out kind. . . . We find out here that a brother in northern Illinois has spent \$2,000 on postage alone for gifts to impoverished Lutherans in Europe. And it was not a wealthy man who sent twenty new leather jackets. G.



Central District Convention

Approximately six hundred clergymen, professors, teachers, and laymen attended the sixty-eighth convention of the Central District in Fort Wayne, June 21-25. A solemn Communion service at Concordia Church marked the opening of the convention on Monday evening, Dr. Arthur Brunn, Second Vice-President of Synod, preaching the sermon and the Rev. Oscar Klemp delivering the confessional address.

Business sessions in the college gymnasium were opened with devotional services conducted by the Visitors.

Mayor Henry E. Branning, a fellow Lutheran of Fort Wayne, extended the city's welcome to the convention. He was introduced by Prof. H. Bredemeier, President of Concordia College.

In his presidential address the Rev. John H. Meyer, basing his message on 1 Cor. 14:12, spoke on "Building the Church," stating that the Church has been established by God and it will continue because Jesus has said: "I will build My Church." President Meyer reminded the convention that Christians are members of the Church by the grace of God and builders of the Church by the will of God, and that they must ever remain sensitive and loyal to the Lord and His Word.

Dr. Arthur Brunn commended the District for its aggressive and zealous missionary program and gave a comprehensive view of Synod's far-flung and rapidly expanding mission fields. Revs. Theo. Frederking and J. A. Beyer, missionaries to the deaf, reported that the Lutheran Church now employs twenty-six missionaries in the United States and Canada, who are serving approximately six thousand deaf in three hundred cities. Dr. H. M. Zorn, representing the Foreign Mission Board, reported on India and Africa.

The Rev. Walter C. Birkner, Executive Secretary of the Central District Missions, stated that nine congregations had become self-supporting since the previous convention; mission congregations showed a gain of 14.3 per cent

in souls and 10.1 per cent in contributions. Among congregations received into Synod were three Negro parish. The District adopted a mission budget of \$86,000.

The Rev. Norman J. Sydow read doctrinal essay on the Lord's Supper.

In view of the teacher shortage, congregations in various Lutheran centers of the District were encouraged to explore, as a temporary expedient, the possibility of arranging a two-year or three-year teacher training course. The convention commended the Board for Parish Education and its superintendent, W. J. G. nand, for the progress they made this field.

The District authorized its Church Extension Board to solicit loans not exceed \$250,000 at an annual rate of interest of two per cent or less, also resolved to lift a special collection to provide \$100,000 for projects including the repayment of the Cleveland Lutheran Gospel Center loan; Stud Center and Chapel at Purdue University, La Fayette, Ind.; and Stud Center at Columbus, Ohio. The District also resolved to request Synod its next convention to grant Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., a new Administration - Library - Auditorium Building.

A memorial service in honor of departed brethren of the District was conducted in Thursday's session by Rev. William J. Single.

Officers elected were: the Rev. John H. Meyer, President; the Rev. Otto Krueger, First Vice-President; the Rev. Martin Ilse, Jr., Second Vice-President; the Rev. Walter Doct Secretary. Nineteen Visitors and number of Board members were elected. Installation services were conducted in the closing session Friday, with the Rev. Martin L. Kreman, D.D., Secretary of Synod, officiating. H. H. BACKS

Michigan District Convention

"The Lord added unto the Church daily," Acts 2:47. Similarly Pres. Zeile, in his report to the seventeenth convention of the Michigan District meeting in W. Bethlehem Church, Detroit, June 21-24, summarized the progress of the Kingdom in the Michigan District during the two years since the last convention. Eight thousand souls were added to the Church in the District. During the past years the District has grown by twenty thousand communicants. Sixteen new congregations were received in synodical membership at the convention.

Because of this growth the convention authorized the redrawing of the District into seventeen circuits instead of the previous thirteen.

Realizing the added responsibility that comes with increased strength

The District launched a vigorous program of mission expansion. One item was the appropriation of \$250,000 for the immediate construction of a Students' Chapel and Center on the campus of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Another item was the pledge of support to the aggressive program of mission expansion among the Negroes in the North. The Mission Board chairman, the Rev. P. J. Gold, reported that \$100,000 would be needed during the coming year for the support of fifty-two congregations under the Board's supervision and for the opening of new fields already surveyed and waiting to be occupied. The Rev. E. T. Bernthal, Executive Secretary, introduced to the convention the forty-nine District missionaries and the fifty-two institutional missionaries. Each gave a one-minute report on his particular field.

Interest in the mission program of Synod did not lag. The Rev. Henry Grueber, D.D., representing Dr. Lehnen, returned to his native District, in which he was received into synodical membership forty-seven years ago, to preach the sermon at the opening service of the convention and report, as his last official assignment of this nature, on the world-wide activity of Synod.

In the financial support of the work of the Kingdom, Treas. E. J. Geyer reported that more than a million dollars away-from-home purposes had passed through his office during the last two years. The Rev. A. P. Marutz, District Stewardship Secretary, reported that more than seven million dollars had been contributed by the Christians of the District for all purposes.

Growth in Christian knowledge was furthered when Prof. O. E. Sohn of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, also a native of Michigan, read a study on the New Testament Psalm of Love, Cor. 13, which he entitled "The More Excellent Way," and applied the truths to modern problems. District Superintendent of Schools S. J. Roth began a historical study of the Lutheran school in the American educational system. His essay will be concluded at the next convention.

Christian education in the congregations is receiving ever increasing attention, according to the reports of the District Board of Education and its three superintendents, not only in the Christian day school, which now number one hundred, but also in the part-time agencies that reach every level.

Pastor William Schalm, J. George Huechterlein, and Emmanuel Mayer, three veteran pastors of the District who are observing the golden anniversary of their ordination this year, were presented with embossed scrolls of recognition by the District.

LAWSON F. KNIGHT

Northern Illinois District Convention

The Northern Illinois District met in Grace Church, River Forest, June 21-24. The Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Third Vice-President of Synod, preached the sermon. In his opening address President A. H. Werfelmann called upon the members of the District to pray: "Thy kingdom come." And throughout the convention was heard the Savior's direction: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The major portion of every forenoon was given to the hearing and discussion of Dr. E. W. A. Koehler's essay on "The Doctrine of the Church," which will be published in pamphlet form.

Mission work is flourishing in Northern Illinois. New areas are being surveyed with a view to opening new missions. Plans are under way for opening a number of stations among the 400,000 Negroes living in the Chicago area. Organized work is being done in ninety-four public and private institutions.

Northern Illinois is education-minded. Its Board of Christian Education is doing outstanding work in promoting Christian education on all age levels and through all agencies. The 114 schools in the District are staffed with 381 instructors and have an enrollment of 12,564 pupils. A fourteen-acre site for a Lutheran high school has been acquired on Chicago's South Side, and negotiations to acquire a similar plot of ground for the north Chicago area are under way. The 199 Sunday schools in the District have an enrollment of 21,604 pupils. Fifty-one vacation Bible schools were conducted during June and July of this year. Direction was given to establish Bible Institutes for the development of more and better-trained Bible teachers and church workers among the laity.

The District showed its sympathetic concern for its youth by supporting plans for Christian Growth Conferences and training courses for future leadership. Youth Sunday will henceforth be observed annually in May.

Improvements in Christian giving are continuing. The Treasurer reported an increase of 141 per cent during the past seven years. The number of congregations attaining their minimum apportionment for the synodical budget is increasing each year. The net worth of the District's Church Extension Fund is in excess of \$521,000.

The Northern Illinois District numbers 131,455 baptized and 90,418 communicant members. During 1947 its congregations contributed \$4,347,104 for all purposes.

The officers for the coming triennium are: President, Rev. Arthur H. Werfelmann; First Vice-President, Rev. Arthur A. Brauer; Second Vice-

President, Rev. Theodore Nickel; Secretary, Rev. F. L. Gehrs; Financial Secretary, Mr. Rud. Demske; Treasurer, Mr. Fred C. Schmitt.

RUD. L. GEFFERT

Oklahoma District Convention

The Oklahoma District met in regular convention in Zion Lutheran Church, Oklahoma City (Revs. John Schulz and E. Schmiesing, pastors), May 17-21. In the opening service of the convention Vice-President F. A. Hertwig preached the sermon. The local press gave our report of the speaker's message this significant head: "Lutheran Head Speeds Global Gospel Spread."

Dr. L. W. Spitz of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., read the convention essay on the topic: "A Balanced Emphasis on the Doctrines of Justification and Sanctification in Christian Education."

District President Otto Hoyer, Alva, in his official report indicated that we now have 62 congregations and preaching stations in the State. Nine pastors, one teacher, and six congregations were officially received into membership with Synod at this convention.

The District Board of Support and Pensions reported that Oklahoma still holds first place among all Districts of Synod with regard to Pension Fund participation.

Motion pictures of our District Missions flashed on the screen and accompanied by running comment by Secretary of Missions J. Schulz gave the conventioners a clear view of mission progress and an insight into mission problems, particularly the need of adequate facilities.

District Church Extension Secretary G. A. Chatt, Lahoma, reported that in the period of 1945-1948 this fund had increased its net worth by more than \$44,000 and that present commitments total \$27,000, with no funds available in the District.

The convention resolved to include a \$10,000 item in the annual District Budget for the Church Extension Fund and to empower the District Board of Directors to borrow up to \$100,000 over and above present loans, immediately if necessary, in view of the anticipated income.

The basic salary for pastors of subsidized congregations was raised to \$150 a month plus residence for unmarried men; \$160 for married; \$10 a month for each dependent child. A car allowance was also voted for the missionaries: \$20 plus four cents a mile. By resolution of the convention, missionaries may borrow up to \$720 from the District Church Extension Fund for the purchase of a car.

By resolution of the convention, Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel's book *Communism and The Church* is to be placed into

every public, branch, and college library in the State of Oklahoma, and individual congregations were encouraged to place the book in local high school libraries and into their own church library.

The District Committee of Christian Education emphasized the need of more and better Christian day schools, reported a gain of 100 per cent in vacation Bible school enrollment, stated that adult Christian education should be given more emphasis, and gave information on audio-visual aids and their use in the field of Christian education.

LUTHER STREUFERT

South Wisconsin District Convention

The 1948 convention of the South Wisconsin District was held in Milwaukee, June 21—24. It was formally opened with a solemn service in St. Martini Church, Dr. H. Harms, First Vice-President of Synod, preaching the sermon. The confessional service was in charge of Rev. R. Jesse.

Dr. Theo. Laetsch concluded the doctrinal essay, begun two years ago, on the Book of Proverbs. The "Wisdom" in Proverbs, he stated, is a Person who is none other than Jesus Christ Himself. Christ, the "Wisdom," teaches us true wisdom in Proverbs, and this wisdom is to know and to fear Him, God's own Son, our only Savior. Dr. Laetsch was asked to publish his entire essay in book form.

After twelve years of faithful service, Rev. F. A. Schwertfeger retired as President of our District, and Rev. Arthur Oswald, Sr., was elected in his place. Rev. G. Huebner was elected First Vice-President and Rev. H. W. Baxmann Second Vice-President.

An edifying feature of the convention was the devotional service with which every session was opened. The following were in charge and preached brief sermons: Revs. John Johnson, V. Mack, R. J. Lillie, A. Schroeder, and Martin H. Mueller. A memorial service in recognition of departed brethren was held on Thursday afternoon, Rev. Walter C. Meyer delivering the address.

Since the duties and burdens of the office of District President have increased to such an extent that it has become increasingly difficult to fulfill the responsibilities of President plus those of a pastor of a congregation, considerable attention was given to the question: Shall the office of District President be made a full-time position? It was resolved that a committee be appointed to give the matter careful study and report its findings to the convention in 1949.

Reports of the Board of Directors, Mission Board, Board of Support and Pensions, Board of Parish Education, and the Legislative Committee, supplemented by personal comments and

explanations by our Stewardship Secretary, Rev. Ed. Schmidt, and our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. B. Schumacher, were heard and discussed. New missions have been begun in Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Okauchee, Fond du Lac, Racine, and Milwaukee. Our parish schools still flourish, although a goodly number of our school-age children is still without the advantage of a parochial-school training. Even in our school-minded South Wisconsin District there is still much work to be done to provide parochial schools for all of our children. The calling of an "understudy" for Superintendent Schumacher was deemed inadvisable at this time.

Dr. Harms spoke in each session on various activities of Synod. President Rincker reported on Concordia College. Rev. K. Henrichs made a plea for Valparaiso University. Rev. O. H. Schmidt, Synod's Foreign Mission Secretary, told us of the many mission opportunities in foreign lands. Rev. M. Mencke spoke in behalf of the Deaf Institute of Detroit. Rev. Martin E. Mueller represented the Deaf-Mute Mission of Milwaukee. Rev. William C. Burhop pointed out a few highlights of his work as student pastor in Madison.

After the customary resolutions of thanks to all who helped to make the convention a profitable and successful meeting and Rev. Schwertfeger's parting remarks as retiring President, the convention closed with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

GEO. BEIDERWIEDEN

Texas District Convention

The twenty-ninth convention of the Texas District met in San Antonio, Tex., June 7—11, with St. Paul's congregation as host. Dr. J. W. Behnken delivered the opening address.

Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., delivered an essay on the topic: "The Christian in the World Today," emphasizing that the Church lives and dies in its members, the individual grains of salt.

Twenty-one pastors and teachers were received into membership of Synod, twelve congregations were welcomed into membership, and thirteen congregations had declared themselves self-sustaining since the last convention.

The Rev. E. A. Heckman, President of the District, gave his report and urged a progressive and intensive program of mission work. The Rev. Max Studtmann, chairman of the Board of Education, urged a more intensive program of Bible study, particularly for adults.

Dr. H. Studtmann announced to the convention that he was retiring as president of Concordia College, Austin, Tex., and the laymen gave him a gift

of money in appreciation of his faithful service.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. Oliver R. Harm of Trinity, Houston; First Vice-President, the Rev. R. Wiederaenders of St. Paul, San Antonio; Second Vice-President, the Rev. W. E. Dorre, St. Paul's, Fort Worth; Secretary, the Rev. Paul Eifert of Holy Cross, Ward; Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Boehm of Bremen.

W. E. MEYER

Latin-American Conference Meets

June 15 and 16 Trinity Spanish Congregation of San Antonio was host to the annual Latin-American Conference of the Texas District. When these conferences were first inaugurated, there were only four workers in the Latin-American field of our Church. There are now at least eighteen men working in Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, Texas, and California. Although sponsored by the District, the conference was attended by workers from Mexico, Missouri, Arizona, and Texas. The Wisconsin Synod working among Latins in Arizona, sent the Rev. V. H. Winter from Tuscon, Ariz. Altogether fourteen workers and delegates gathered at San Antonio. This fact, together with the resolution by the Texas brethren asking for two conferences per year, indicated the healthy growth of this work in our Church.

The major part of the time was devoted to doctrinal and practice papers delivered in both Spanish and English. A most interesting report on the progress of the Spanish Lutheran Hour in Texas was presented by Mr. Rosendo Barrera, lay delegate from Our Savior Congregation in Corpus Christi. Mr. Barrera himself was gained for the Lutheran Church through the Lutheran Hour. With the help of Mr. B. Valdez, also from Corpus Christi, this layman made a thorough study of the Lutheran Hour correspondence in Texas. As a result of his report the conference went on record to ask the Texas District Mission Board to study the advisability of placing a full- or part-time man into the field in order to gain the many interested Spanish Lutheran Hour listeners for the Lutheran Church.

Prof. Fred Growcock of Monterrey, Mex., made a fervent plea for continued support of the *Noticiero de la Fe*, our Spanish Lutheran Witness. By means of a resolution all congregations of the conference were requested to place the *Noticiero* on their budget and to conduct a vigorous subscription campaign. Due to the extremely high cost of production, the *Noticiero* is in great need of the continued support of all friends of Latin-American missions.

In reporting on his work in Monterey, Professor Growcock also encouraged the congregations to make use of the students now preparing for ministry under his guidance.

In view of the fact that throughout the Latin-American field workers will meet with similar problems and difficulties and will have to solve these in a similar manner, the conference resolved to plead with all mission boards directing Latin-American work to give its workers permission and economic assistance to enable them to attend a general conference of Spanish workers at least once every three years.

To encourage all congregations in the District who find Latin-Americans living in their territory, a memorial will be prepared urging them to gain such unchurched Latins for their own parish.

With heartfelt thanks to God and the local congregation for their hospitality, the conference adjourned, looking forward to its 1949 meeting in Houston Tex. O. E. NAUMANN

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, R. 1, Ray, Ind.

The Rev. Paul T. Schmidt (d. May 7, 1948), born June 14, 1875, at Frohna, Mo., son of Henry and Wilhelmine Schmidt, received his ministerial training at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., where he was graduated in 1898.

He served congregations in Danvers, Mo., Lixville, Mo., Milan, Tenn., Elm, Ark., Craig, Mo., and Port Hudson, Mo. The latter congregation he served for twenty-two years. During his forty-eight years in the ministry he taught in the Christian school thirty-one years.

In 1900 he was united in marriage with Minnie Scharfenberg. This union was blessed with five sons and three daughters, the son, Rudolph, entering the teaching profession.

Surviving are his wife, five sons, three daughters, fifteen grandchildren, one brother, and four sisters.

Funeral services were held in Immanuel Church, Washington, Mo., May 10, 1948. The Rev. H. W. Niewald, Visitor of the Washington Circuit, preached on John 16, the favorite text of the deceased.

The undersigned spoke at the service the funeral home, served as liturgist, spoke as chairman of the Washington Circuit Conference, and officiated at the grave.

His body was laid to rest in the family plot on Immanuel Cemetery, Washington, Mo. DANIEL H. OBERDIECK

The Rev. Theodore J. Hanssen, em. (d. June 22, 1948), born at Garding, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on Feb. 17, 1867, came to America in 1891, after his graduation from the Mission Seminary of Brekum. Having successfully passed a colquy before our Springfield faculty, he

entered our ministry and served at the following places: Trinity Church, Martinsburg, Nebr.; Immanuel Church, Sterling, Nebr.; Lutheran Hospital of Sioux City; St. Paul's Church, Latimer, Iowa; St. Matthew's Church, Sherrill, and Trinity Church, Bremer, all in Iowa. In 1932 he retired from the active service and since that time had lived in Chicago Heights, Ill.

On Jan. 2, 1893, he married Friedericka Heinz of Davenport, Iowa. This union was blessed with two sons and two daughters; one son died in infancy.

He attained an age of 81 years, 4 months, and 5 days. Funeral services were conducted in St. Paul's Church of Chicago Heights, Ill., on June 26. The undersigned preached the sermon on John 8:51. The Rev. W. Schuetz was the liturgist, and the Rev. F. L. Treskow read the committal service. He is survived by his widow, one son, and two daughters. He was buried in St. Paul's Cemetery of Chicago Heights, Ill. — Is. 66:2.

ARTHUR A. BRAUER

DEATH NOTICE

Dr. Henry B. Hemmeyer died at Baltimore, Md., on July 22 and was buried on July 24.

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

The Lutheran Agenda. Authorized by the Synods Constituting the Ev. Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. 9½×6¾. 209 pages. Price, \$6.00 net for the Fabrikoid binding, style AF. Other bindings comparable to the prices of *The Liturgy*. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

This is the third in the official series of liturgical volumes published under the auspices of the Intersynodical Committee on Hymnology and Liturgies which also produced *The Lutheran Hymnal*. The previous volumes in the series are *The Music for the Liturgy* and *The Lutheran Liturgy*. The fourth and last volume, *The Lutheran Lectionary*, will be off the press soon, God willing. All these volumes are in the same format and may be had in identical bindings.

The Lutheran Agenda has the following contents:

The Order of Holy Baptism, The Baptism of Infants (With Sponsors)
The Order of Holy Baptism, The Baptism of Infants (Without Sponsors)
The Order of Holy Baptism, The Ratification of Lay Baptism
The Order of Holy Baptism, The Baptism of Adults
The Rite of Confirmation — The Examination and The Confirmation
The Reception of Converts
The Reception of Members (By Transfer)
The Announcement of Excommunication, of Self-Exclusion, and of Reinstatement
The Order of a Marriage (The Congregation Participating) (new)
The Order of a Marriage (The Congregation Not Participating)
The Order of a Marriage (A Short Form)
The Order of the Consecration of a Civil Marriage
The Order for the Anniversary of a Marriage
The Order for the Communion of the Sick

The Order for the Burial of the Dead

(recast)
At the House or at the Funeral Home
At the Church
At the Grave

A Reading Service for the Burial of the Silliborn
At the House
At the Grave

Prayer at the Burial of a Suicide (new)
The Order for the Ordination of a Minister
The Order for the Installation of a Minister
A Pastor's Daily Prayer (new)
The Order for the Installation of a Professor (new)

The Order for the Ordination and Commissioning of a Missionary (new)
The Order for the Installation of a Teacher
A Form for the Induction of Women Teachers (new)

A Form for the Induction of Sunday School Officers and Teachers (new)
The Order for the Installation of a Church Council

The Order for the Ground Breaking for a Church or a School (new)
The Order for the Laying of the Cornerstone of a Church or a School

The Order for the Dedication of a Church (recast)

The Order for the Dedication of a School
The Order for the Dedication of an Organ
The Order for the Dedication of a Bell
The Order for the Dedication of a Burial Ground

The Order for the Dedication of a Parish House

The Order for the Dedication of a Parsonage
The Order for the Dedication of a Dwelling

The Form for the Opening of a Congregational Meeting

The Form for the Opening and Closing of Synods
The Opening
The Closing

Formulary for the Induction of the President and Vice-Presidents of Synod (new)
Topical Index

All these orders, including the rubrics, have been carefully checked and revised. The new ones are indicated in the above list.

This volume will later appear in a pocket-size edition for the pastor.

These books are church books and should be purchased by the congregation for the use of the pastor in the services. Sometimes individuals purchase them for the congregation as memorials to departed loved ones. W. G. P.

Evangelisch-Lutherischer Volkskalender 1948. 96 pages, 8½×6. 25 cents.

This is an excellent German calendar for use of Lutherans in Germany. Copies for friends and relatives abroad may be ordered through Martin Herrmann, 834 Greenwood Ave., St. Joseph, Mich. In case such orders do not reach the publisher before fall, he undertakes to mail the 1949 edition to the designated address. S.

He Will Abundantly Pardon. Radio Messages of the Second Part of the Thirtieth Lutheran Hour. By Walter A. Maier, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 373 and LXII pages. \$2.75.

The fifty-nine page Foreword of this sixteenth volume of Lutheran Hour addresses brings testimonials from appreciative listeners in all parts of the globe relative to benefits received from this evangelistic project sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League. The main body of the book contains eighteen Christ-centered messages in the Lutheran Hour speaker's characteristic vivid style and popular appeal. In them the author draws an attractive picture of Christ, the Savior of the world, and makes a stirring appeal for accepting Him in faith as the sole source of salvation for mankind. Dr. Maier pleads with his hearers to dedicate

themselves wholly to Christ and through Him draw close to God in order to secure peace with God here on earth and eternal life in the world to come. G. V. S.

Statistical Yearbook, 1947. 250 pages, 9×6. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. \$1.00.

Whoever desires to obtain statistical information about The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will find it in this book. These 250 pages are filled with names and figures. The Statistician has done an excellent job. S.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

Luther and Music. By Paul Nettl. Translated by Frida Best and Ralph Wood. The Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia. \$2.25.

Dr. Nettl, a Czechoslovakian music educator who received his doctor titles from the Universities of Prague and Vienna, was Professor of Musicology at the University of Prague before the war. He is now head of the Music Department of the University of Indiana.

Dr. Nettl's book *Luther and Music* should be read and studied by every Lutheran musician and pastor and by every interested layman.

The chapters have topical headings, under which, in a few paragraphs, the information or discussion is attractively and interestingly unfolded.

"The Reformer's philosophy influenced all phases of music in the church and changed the course of music development in general."—"Luther undoubtedly was a musical genius of high rank, who would have become a great composer, had not Providence destined him to become the prophet of a new age." The constant references to that great musical genius Johann Sebastian Bach give the pages additional worth and value.

The book is dedicated to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann and Prof. Theo. Hoelty-Nickel, promoters of evangelical music.

Choral Partita on "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness," 85 cents; **Chorale Partita** on "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men," 85 cents; **Prelude and Fugue in D Minor**, 70 cents; **Prelude and Fugue in A Major**, 60 cents. Composed by Johann Gottfried Walther. Edited by Walter E. Buszin. Concordia Publishing House.

Four good, great organ numbers, well edited, clearly printed, each number from 6 to 11 pages in length, issued by Concordia Publishing House, thus continuing the publication of our marvelous musical heritage.

Johann Gottfried Walther was born in the Luther city Erfurt in 1685, where he studied with three or four of the old masters. He held the post of organist at St. Thomas Church for five years. The rest of his life he spent at Weimar, where he became intimately acquainted with Bach during his six-year stay. No doubt both composers profited by the association and intercourse.

Walther wrote 106 chorale preludes. Experts rank him next to Bach in this

particular field. The above chorale partitas, or variations, may, of course, be utilized as chorale preludes, one at a time or several in succession. Of his four preludes and fugues extant, two are offered. A foreword gives helpful information.

Chorale Preludes by the Masters of the XVII and XVIII Centuries. Selected and edited by Walter E. Buszin. Organ Series, Volume I. Concordia Publishing House. \$2.90.

This collection of *Chorale Preludes* (117 pages) contains 38 numbers by sixteen of the old masters. Most of the selections are easy, none really difficult. A short biographical note has been added on each composer.

One cannot cease marveling at the high ideal of these masters, their craftsmanship, and the objective presentation of the music. When well played with well-chosen registration, these preludes will fit ideally the liturgy of the Church.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Commissioned:

Heinlein, Harold, in Holy Cross Church, Saginaw, Mich., as missionary in India, by E. H. Voss, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Hoyer, Leland A., as institutional missionary in Baltimore, Md., by William von Spreckelsen, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

Ordained and Installed:

Fritz, Marvin R., in Bethel Congregation, Austin, Ind., by F. Wambsgans, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Gardels, Norman, in Emmanuel Congregation, Leesville, Ind., and in Calvary Congregation, Sparksville, Ind., by W. C. Birkner, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Heimgartner, Robert, in St. John's Congregation, Burwell, Nebr., by A. H. Wagner, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Kramer, Howard W., in Faith Congregation, Carthage, Mo., by Paul Von Dielingen, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
McClintock, Carl L., Jr., as missionary in the Evergreen area, Detroit, Mich., by Norman Rieck, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Ruthenbeck, L. L., ordained in St. John's Congregation, Okabena, Minn., by L. H. Ruthenbeck and installed in St. Matthew's Congregation, Napoleon, N. Dak., by G. J. Ehrlert, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.
Sauer, Robert, in Trinity Congregation, Taylorville, Ill., by Arthur T. Kuehnert, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Stoll, Roy E., in Nuestro Salvador Congregation, Corpus Christi, Tex., by O. E. Naumann, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

Installed:

Ankney, Claude C., in St. Matthew's Congregation, Hamlet, Ind., by A. P. Starck, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Bauer, Hermann M., in Peace Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by A. H. Lange, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Eggers, Carl R., in St. Paul's Congregation, Grants Pass, Oreg., by Harry H. Young, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Essig, R. A., in First Trinity Congregation, Bloomfield, Nebr., by A. Ollenburg, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Gagers, John M., as assistant pastor in Emmanuel Congregation, Dearborn, Mich., by H. F. Hensick, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Klump, E. A., in Trinity Congregation, Appleton, Minn., by W. A. Krueger, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Lachmann, H. H., in Trinity Congregation, Campbell, Nebr., by F. R. Kuegele, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Leverenz, Gerhard M., in Redeemer Congregation and as chaplain at the Lutheran Service Center, Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama, by Edwin W. Leverenz, 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.

Loose, George A., in Bethel Congregation, University City, Mo., by F. W. Loose, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 27.
May, Hubert, in Grace Congregation, El Dorado, Kans., by George Bruening, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Parduhn, F., in Trinity Congregation, Hill City, Redeemer Congregation, Cohasset, and in Grace Congregation, Remer, Minn., by Frederick L. Von Husen, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Ramming, Martin E., as associate pastor in Calvary Congregation, Buffalo, N. Y., by H. C. Kleiner, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Rozak, John, in St. Paul's Congregation, Fairland, Okla., by Arthur Pape, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Timm, William, in Immanuel Congregation, Osman, Ill., by H. C. Lehenbauer, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

TEACHERS

Bradtko, E. T., in Salem Congregation, Black Jack, Mo., by M. A. Gehrt, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Buescher, Clarence A., in Our Saviour Congregation, Kansas City, Kans., by Edgar J. Mundinger, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Germeroth, C. E., in Immanuel Congregation, Polk, Neb., by C. W. Long, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.
Kamprath, Oscar H., in St. Paul's Congregation, Yorktown, Iowa, by W. A. Otto, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Laumer, G. O., in Christ Congregation, Houston, Tex., by J. W. Behnken, Jr., 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Lohse, Arnold, in St. John's Congregation, Be City, Mich., by Fred Bickel, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Marten, Milton E., in Immanuel Congregation, Valparaiso, Ind., by Armin C. Oldsen, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Moderow, LeRoy, in St. Peter's Congregation, Elk Creek, Nebr., by W. G. Nau, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Naber, Darrell H., in Zion Congregation, Beecher, Ill., by Harold J. Wunderlich, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.
Schmidt, Milton W., in Grace Congregation, Denver, Colo., by H. H. Hellbusch, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.

Dedications

Genoa, Colo. The new church of Trinity Congregation (H. W. Wangerin), 1. Sun. p. Tr., May 30.
Grey Eagle, Minn. The new parsonage of St. John's Congregation (W. A. Schultz), 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11.
Lethbridge, Alta., Can. The new organ of Immanuel Congregation (V. Eichenlaub), 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.
Worden, Ill. The new organ of Trinity Congregation (E. G. Meseke), 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 1.

Anniversaries

Emerald, Wis. St. John's Congregation (Edward Gade, Jr.) the 50th, 5. Sun. p. Tr., June 2.
Lapeer, Mich. St. Paul's Congregation (O. V. Graesser) the 75th, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 6.

Cornerstone Laying

Fort Wayne, Ind. Peace Congregation (E. I. Albers) for a new chapel and school, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.
Newhall, Iowa. St. John's Congregation (O. Schreiber) for a new church, 6. Sun. p. Tr., July 4.

Synodical District Conventions

The Jubilee Convention of the *Southern Nebraska District* will be held at Concord Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., Aug. 9-11. The opening service will be held at St. John Church on Monday, Aug. 9 at 10:30 A. M. — P. W. SELLMAN, Secretary.

The convention of the *Iowa District East* will be held Aug. 16-20 at St. Paul's Church, Williamsburg, Iowa. Rev. Enno Schuelke, pastor. — OTTO C. SCHULTZ, Secretary.

The *Northern Nebraska District* will meet in convention at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., Aug. 16-20. Dr. John H. Fritz of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be the essayist. Topic: "Justification and Sanctification in the Christian's Daily Life." Opening service Aug. 16, 10:30 A. M., St. John's Church. — REV. L. M. DOCTOR, Secretary.

The 43d convention of the *Southern District* of our Synod will meet from Monday, Aug. 2 at 2 P. M., through Friday, the 27th, in First English Church, New Orleans, La. (Rev. G. J. Schmidt and K. Barth). Inspirational service Monday at 7:30 P. M. Essays: "Christian Giving," by Rev. Walter Hollis; and "Christa Liberty," by Rev. A. E. Wildger. — A. H. KLANE, Secretary.

Central-Illinois District of Synod will in the Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Aug. 29—Sept. 2. The opening service will be at 8 P.M. in Trinity Lutheran Church, and Monroe, Dr. Paul Schulz, D.D., Dr. J. W. Behnken, President of the Eastern Church—Missouri Synod, will deliver the sermon. Registration for the convention as well as for attendance at Communion to be held in this service will take place in the basement of Trinity Church on 29 from 4 to 7:30 P.M. Springfield uses S. Time. The Essayist is Pastor M. J. Mann, Altamont, Ill., who will deliver four sermons on the topic: The Office of the Keys. All other announcements see the letter sent by the proper committee some time ago.—C. WEGHAUPT, Secretary.

Educational Institutions

Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill., begins its new school year Sept. 8, an opening service at 10:00 A.M. Catalog and application blank will be sent upon request. Synod has stipulated that new students must be at least twenty years of age at time of their enrollment.—G. CHR. BARKER, President.

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., will open its 11th semester at 10 A.M. on Tuesday morning, Sept. 7. (Freshman registration, Monday, Sept. 6.) For catalog and other information contact: The Registrar, 275 N. Syndicate St., St. Paul 4, Minn., or phone NESTOR 6157.—E. M. MEYER, Secretary to the President.

St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., begins its 15th school year Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 10:30 P.M. Students desiring advanced standing in school or college are requested to send transcript of credits to the registrar at least two weeks previously. The primary aim of St. John's College is to prepare young men for study of theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In addition, however, the college offers the following courses: (1) Parish Workers' Predecessorship; (2) Prelaw and Prebusiness Administration; (3) Liberal Arts; (4) Pre-theology; (5) Secretarial and General Commercial; (6) Teacher Training; (7) Sunday School Teacher Training; (8) Music: Piano, Organ, Voice. Students preparing for the ministry may enroll in courses in Short-hand, writing, and other secretarial subjects without additional cost. St. John's is accredited in its high school and in its college department. Dormitory facilities for both boys and girls. A well-organized program of student activities under faculty direction. For catalog information write to CARL S. MUNDINGER, President, St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

Call for Candidates

H. Studtmann has resigned from the office of Synod's Concordia in Austin, Tex. Therefore the Board of Control herewith calls for nominees. In addition to fulfilling the requirements listed in the official Handbook regarding the presidency of synod's colleges, the nominees must satisfy requirements set up by the regional and accrediting agencies: (a) a Master's degree in the field; (b) twelve advanced hours in regional administration and six hours in national methods.

Regarding the synodical requirements the Board would emphasize that a man holding the degree heads the Department of Religion must therefore be a sound theologian. Nominations must be Sept. 14. In the office of F. R. LESCHNER, Secretary of the Board of Control, Walburg, Tex.

Notice Regarding Chaplains

The enactment of the recent Draft Law will make it necessary for our Church to furnish chaplains to assist in providing for the spiritual needs of our young men who will be called to military service shortly. Reserve Chaplains who are interested in extended activity should confer immediately with our Common concerning such duty. Young pastors are not in the Chaplain Reserve Corps are encouraged to submit applications for such Reserve Corps commissions.

Since it is incumbent upon our Reserve and National Guard Chaplains in order to maintain and improve their Reserve status to take fifteen hours of duty each year, and since it is to the advantage of our Church that Chaplains maintain their status in the Reserve Corps and National Guard, our congregations whose pastors have such commissions will be rendering service to the Church and the Government by fully permitting their pastors to participate in these brief tours of duty. All governmental agencies, many business institutions,

and most congregations grant such a fifteen-day leave without it affecting the vacation time of their workers.—PAUL L. DANNENFELDT, D.D., Chairman, Armed Services Commission.

The Emergency Planning Council

finds it no longer possible to undertake investigation of "begging" letters sent to its office for screening.

All persons who are still eager to support needy families are urged to write the EPC for names which have been carefully screened. Thousands of tested names are still in EPC files. Every one of these names is worthy of support and needs help.

Kind donors of food and clothing packages for Europe are asked to please note the following change: All used clothing received hereafter by EPC will be shipped to Europe only in bulk form. This change in policy is due to the fact that EPC no longer employs warehouse facilities wherewith packages containing relief materials sent to the EPC may be forwarded to individuals in Europe.

The only food service EPC still maintains is the "Units for Europe" plan through which an eleven-pound food package may be ordered for any designated individual in Europe or any one person whose name is in EPC files. The price of one "Unit for Europe" is \$7.50. Address: Emergency Planning Council, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo. Kindly make all checks and money orders payable to: W. H. Schlueter, Treasurer.—E. W. G.

Available

Altar and pulpit will be donated to any church of the Synodical Conference. Write to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairbank, Iowa, for details.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Long Prairie, Minn., wishes to dispose of two dozen used church pews. Old style. Good condition. Reasonably priced. Address inquiries to JOHN J. DREYLOW, Sec., Long Prairie, Minn.

Requests

Auburn, N.Y., has never had a Lutheran Church for its 40,000 population. Please send any information about Lutherans living in or near Auburn to the first resident Lutheran missionary, Rev. W. W. GATZKE, 1 S. Hunter Ave., Auburn, N.Y.

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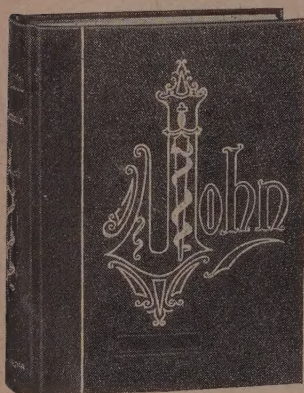
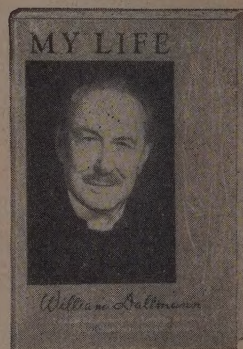
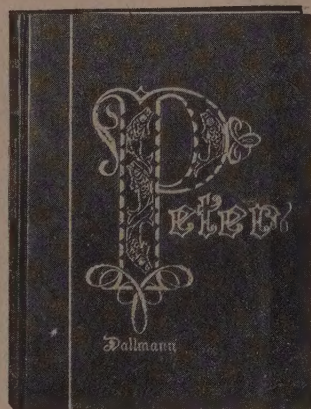
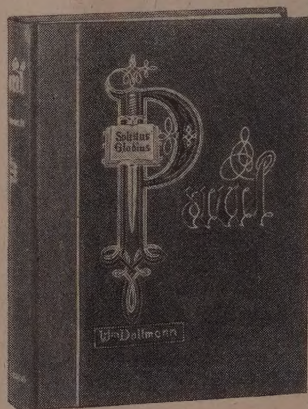
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